for the intimation of receipt to reach the Tahsildar. In Taluks where transport is done departmentally the interval is slightly longer.

(*b*) The same procedure is being followed now.

(*c*) 1250 persons.

(*d*) 9 days in Chingam and 16 days in Kanni.

(*e*) No one remains to be paid.

(*f*) No. Only the Tahsildars are authorised to make payments. The Village Officers are however authorised to take possession of paddy and issue receipts for the same.

(*g*) Yes. Certain Tahsildars on their own responsibility were effecting payments through their subordinate Village staff also.

PADDY ALLOWED TO CULTIVATORS

359. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount of paddy allowed to cultivators for (വിത്ത്) and Valli (വള്ളി);

(*b*) how many paras of paddy are required for preparing ten (10) paras of seeds (വിത്ത്);

(*c*) who fixed the present proportion of Vithu and Valli now allowed to cultivators and on what basis was it fixed;

(*d*) is not the quantity of paddy allowed for valli too inadequate, in these days of high costs for agricultural labour, cattle and manure;

(*e*) what is the present rate of wage for an adult male and an adult female;

(*f*) what was the rate in the year 1113;

(*g*) whether the present rate of valli allowed to cultivators, is the same as that was prevalent in pre-war days?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The amounts under these two items are not fixed. They vary according to the customs prevalent in each locality and the vicissitudes of season. Generally one para for seed and one para for valli is being allowed for cultivating one para of seed sowing land.

(*b*) The quantity varies according to the variety of paddy utilised for the purpose. A maximum quantity of 11½ paras of ordinary wet paddy is required for preparing 10 paras of seed.

(*c*) Government have ordered that valli should be allowed according to the prevailing practice before the war.

(*d*) Agricultural labour is being paid in paddy. The alleged increased cost of labour will come in only if payment is made in cash. Paddy required for payment in kind is allowed to be retained with the cultivator. The price of paddy so paid has also increased about 4 times the pre-war rates. In the circumstances the quantity allowed under this item cannot be considered inadequate.

(*e*) The rates for agricultural labour varies from 3 to 10 Edangalis of paddy per head per day according to nature of work.

(*f*) Same as above.

(*g*) Yes; but its cash value has increased about four-fold.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF ELECTION TO

1. Advisory Committee for Medicine and Public Health

Mr. President: I have to announce that Mr. P. T. Jacob who was one of the candidates for election to the Advisory Committee for Medicine and Public Health, having withdrawn his candidature Mr. P. K. Dewer has been elected to the Committee.

2. Central Committee to the Feed the Children Fund

Mr. President: Mr. K. S. Panicker, one of the candidates for election to the Central Committee to the Feed the Children Fund having withdrawn his candidature Messrs. Jos K. Verghese, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan and P. K. Paul have been elected.

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